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## Founding the Regina Pacis Cenacle

Regina Pacis Cenacle is a structure of the Regina Pacis Foundation, situated on a hill in the center of Chisinau, capital of Moldova. The Cenacle has four levels, with a total area of over 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>. It was created to educate young people in terms of humanity and faith.



The Cenacle is an answer given to the city, which is increasingly affected by various social vices. In fact, the Regina Pacis Cenacle provides a meeting place for reflection, dialogue between cultures and people, all of them having one purpose - to grow and prosper together.

The development of the country depends not only on the economic growth but also on the education of the young generation, of those who already represent the future of the country today. Let's not forget about the fact that more and more young people are attracted by the illusion of migration, which, in fact, is a disadvantage for the country.

The Center provides temporary accommodation, with equipped, comfortable spaces and in addition, allows the organization of meetings on different topics.



The idea of a place for praying was taken into consideration, where Christians could meet and initiate that religious dialogue which is indispensable for a Europe that has decided to get through any barrier and obstacle.

In fact, today the Regina Pacis Cenacle is a place where the Italian community in Moldova gathers to live moments of major importance, both from a cultural as well as Christian point of view.



There are three fundamental aspects at the basis of Italian existence: culture, solidarity and faith. If that is right then we can say that the Regina Pacis Cenacle is the synthesis of this path, because the activities carried out here generate culture, faith and solidarity.

The future of the Regina Pacis Foundation is clearly defined by an itinerary based on aid, availability, every day dedication to others, the Cenacle serving as evidence on the path, which is already marked by the works of great value.

**Mons. Cesare Lodeserto,  
President of Regina Pacis Foundation**



### **Children from the Placement Center Regina Pacis have real chances of social (re) integration**

The development of humanity is inseparable from the formation and evolution of forms of community. Family is one of the oldest and most specific links to ensure continuity and full affirmation of the human being.



Although the family is relatively independent in relation to society, in which it is formed, its organization and evolution are determined and influenced by the organization of society, which they represent. One of the phenomena that occur as a result of family development, as the primary form of organization, is the phenomenon of children of the street. Before 1999 the existence of

homeless children was denied. It is true that the number of children of the street was much lower than at present. We can talk only about the children who left the family, without forming groups for which the street is a permanent living environment.

"Children of the street", so called because of various reasons they don't have a roof where to shelter, it is a name that "scares" because it evokes a reality of physical misery, of cheap drug consumption, of criminal record, of illiteracy, aimless life, and finally of a life on the edge of society. These children are originally like many other children who found themselves on the street primarily because their parents are either dead or in prison, divorced, or perhaps they are gone to work abroad, or simply because their parents sent them away from home, their life being more convenient and easier without them.

The Placement Center for the Child under Regina Pacis Foundation is the family environment, which these children lack so much. Left without parental protection for various reasons, aged between 13-18 years old, they are offered the opportunity to build another destiny for themselves, to accomplish themselves as personalities.



Since the center was founded positive results have been estimated in the rehabilitation and reintegration of children in the family / society. We, the Center collaborators, have managed to defeat the call of the street, helping children to forget the vices and street life.

The Center's activity is based largely on applying recovery methods. During our activity, we found that knowing the alphabet and using figures are not sufficient in some cases, thus imposing the application of non-verbal, creative methods of teaching, built around the person intended to maximize the personal potential of each child.



Thus we have targeted this kind of therapy on training, organizing workshops on various subjects, which ultimately proved to be very effective.

Today, several workshops activate within the center:

- workshop on artistic wood processing (boys are given the chance to try traditional craft);
- music workshop;
- information technology workshop;
- art workshop;
- origami (girls make cards, invitations, etc.).
- lessons of learning Italian language.

All these activities have resulted in a number of benefits: first of all, they form basic skills of training: orientation, initiation of work, development of personal abilities and skills, education of relationship skills, ensures accountability and affectivity, reducing physical and psychological tensions as well as behavior disorders of the children placed in the center. For more positive results, the recovery methods are complemented with intervention methods of a social worker and psychologist. The main purpose of these specialists is to help the child overcome the crisis, to assess their own situation, being open to new values and ideals.



To convince a child of the street to change his way of life is as difficult as to convince a child from a good family to go and live in a basement, but nevertheless we were able slowly to achieve our purposes.

These achievements also owe to the fact that necessary conditions were created for the children: adequate space and hosting for a child with everything that it implies (conditions of accommodation and meals, general atmosphere, specialized personnel and child relation etc.) are organized so that to ensure a feeling of security and trust to the child. The activity of the Placement Center is child-centered, ego-consolidating, forming the self-image, stimulating the self-respect, and developing the self-awareness. Thus, most children have real chances of social (re) integration and, this with the particular efforts



of the management team and collaborators of the Placement Center under the Regina Pacis Foundation.

**Natalia Pavlicenco,  
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The Placement Center for the Child  
Under the Regina Pacis Foundation**



### **BBC: A whole generation has grown without parents in Moldova**

A comprehensive report about the migration of labor, carried out by two correspondents of the BBC (editorial office from Moscow), relates about the effects of this phenomenon in Moldova, communicates DECA-press.

A whole generation without parents has already grown in Moldova, claims BBC.

Starting to work abroad, parents usually leave their kids under the care of grandparents. Some children get to see their parents once a year when they come home on vacation or to prolong their visas.



BBC claims that such a state of things is qualified by a good part of the population as a social tragedy.

As an example in this respect, BBC reported on the history of a little girl, Magdalena, from Pohrebeni, Orhei county. Her mother, starting to work in Turkey, has left the girl in the care of grandparents. Subsequently, the mother forgot about having a daughter and parents in Moldova. Magdalena's grandmother died, and the grandfather decided to give his granddaughter to a children's home, because he didn't have the force nor the money to educate Magdalena. After some time the girl was adopted.

BBC noted that, lately in Moldova, the number of children abandoned by Moldovans working abroad has increased. The state has even developed a special program, which consists of adopting children and supporting financially the families who decide to adopt abandoned children.

**Source: DECA-press**

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### **Seven children from Moldova were repatriated from the Russian Federation**



Seven children, citizens of the Republic of Moldova, identified without parental supervision in the Russian Federation, were repatriated to Moldova on Thursday, with the support of Moldovan governmental structures and some non-governmental organizations, informs DECA-press.

Children aged between one month and 13 years old, among which four girls and three boys from five counties of the country. They were identified by the temporary placement centers from the towns of Odințovo, Istrinsk from Moscow County and the town of Atkarsk from Saratov County.

Returned to Moldova, the seven children were temporarily placed in social centers, where they would benefit from rehabilitative services, while all the necessary steps have been taken concerning their social and family reintegration.

This is the sixth repatriating mission organized since the beginning of the current year, under which 25 children were returned to the country.



### **A young girl will stay 10 years in prison for trafficking human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation**

Inculet Zinaida, aged 26, was convicted by the Court of Căușeni to 10 years of prison for human trafficking for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. The Prosecutor of Buiucani district determined that the young woman recruited a countrywoman from Cainari village, Căușeni County, to whom she said that she would engage her in the hotel business. Subsequently, the procuress purchased a plane ticket to Antalya for the countrywoman. Two men of Turkish origin met the victim at the destination. They exploited her sexually for commercial purposes by imposing the practice of prostitution.



Disagreeing with the imposed conditions, she was abused several times and then sold to some groupings of pander till she managed to escape and return to the country.

During the same period, September 2006, Inculet Zinaida has recruited two more acquaintances for the purpose of their sexual exploitation in Turkey, telling them that they would work at the market.

**Source: UNIMEDIA**

### **The Moldovans from Italy reunited in Bologna**

The second reunion of associations of Moldovans from Italy was held in Bologna, organized by the Embassy of Moldova in Rome and the General Consulate of our country in Bologna, announces the press service of MEAEI. The representatives of the 25 associations of Moldovans from Italy have raised more stringent topics that relate to the activity of our compatriots, keeping in touch with Moldova, the perpetuation and preservation of cultural traditions.

Certain suggestions were launched in this respect, the Embassy and General Consulate examining and formulating solutions to put them into action.

The Council of associations of Moldovans from Italy was created and its president and vice president were elected. The issue of participation of the persons originating from the Republic of Moldova in the III Congress, which will be held in Chisinau on October 12-14, has also been considered.

**Source: UNIMEDIA**





### **The rate of migrant workers in the RF in 2008 has almost doubled**

The Government of the RF has increased the rate of migrant workers for 2008 by 1.9 times up to 3.4 million people, it is mentioned in the decision from the Cabinet of Ministers website.

Deputy Head of the Ministry of Health and Social Development Maksim Topilin has said in early October that the Government examines the issue regarding the increase of the rate of migrant workers, according to the requests of the regions, to up to 3.2 million people.

Previously Topilin, who patronizes the problems of employment and labor migration, also said that in 2009 the rate of migrant workers could be of 3,7-3,9 million people.

The Ministry expects to relegate to the Cabinet of Ministers the decision project of the Government of the RF about the rate of migrant workers for 2009 on October 15, he stated.

**source: newsmoldova.md**

### **Moldova marks the Global day of Mental Health**

The Global Day of Mental Health is marked on October 10 in the world. It was established by the Global Health Organization to ensure greater access to information regarding mental health problems of the population. On this day psychiatrists aim to discuss more about the topic of psychiatric diseases, the causes of their appearance, and about the methods of their prevention and treatment.

Behavioral and psychiatric diseases affect people of all the countries in the world, causing suffering, while influencing the economic and social situation. People, who suffer from these diseases, are often isolated and stigmatized, with a low quality of life.

The forms of mental diseases are various and they are caused by multiple factors. In essence, the deviations are caused by psychological stress, interpersonal problems, social problems, various psychological factors, and alcohol and drugs consumption.

Mental health has been established as a priority in Moldova's accession to the Declaration of Helsinki regarding mental health (January 2005). Thus, the Republic of Moldova, along with the Member States of the European Community, has assumed certain responsibilities in order to improve the situation in the field of Mental Health.

These responsibilities relate to reforming the system of mental health aid, with emphasis on assistance outside the hospital, decentralized, being proximate to the beneficiary, and undertaking activities to reduce stigmatization and discrimination of the psychologically ill people, in compliance with the human rights.

Also, mental health is set as a priority in the National Health Policy of the Republic of Moldova for the years 2007-2021 and the Strategy of the healthcare system development during the period of 2008-2017.



The elaboration of the National Program regarding Mental Health for the years 2007-2011, approved by the Government Decision, allows the creation of conditions for providing aid and protection, rehabilitation and social integration of patients with mental disabilities. This program envisages an improvement in accessibility and effectiveness of psychiatric care, by integrating persons with mental disabilities into the family and community through public awareness about mental health problems and mental disease recognition as one of the fundamental interdisciplinary issues.

At the beginning of the current year the Parliament of Moldova has approved reforming and supplementing the Law regarding mental health, being adjusted to the European rigors.

Currently, the field of mental health in the country is at the stage of expansion from a hospital to an outside the hospital system. Outside the hospital pole of psychiatric assistance is based on the activity of community centers for mental health in which patients will benefit from a range of services, being placed in society through developing their existing potential.

At the moment, three community centers for mental health operate in Chisinau (AMT Buiucani), Balti and Ungheni. In total, up to 2011, community centers for mental health are to be open in 20 counties of the Republic of Moldova.

Funding and contracting criteria have been developed and adopted by the NCAM to ensure the functioning of Community Centers for mental health. Trainings of various specialists in providing medical services, rehabilitation and social integration are organized nowadays to ensure the efficiency of health professionals.

**Source: Press service of the Ministry of Health**